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SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Is it not a fact that only spare buses were brought here so as not to interfere with the ordinary traffic in the mufassal? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Spare buses were utilized wherever available and normal traffic was not in any way interfered with. The arrangement was not at all detrimental to the interests of the travelling public."

Number of Municipalities in this State

* 242 *Q*.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of municipalities in the State and the number of first-grade and second-grade municipalities;

(*b*) when the term of the present municipal councils expires; and

(*c*) whether some of them have requested the Government to extend their term?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" (*a*) The total number of municipalities in the State is 61. The number of first-grade municipalities is 14 and that of second grade, is 18.

" (*b*) The term of office of the present municipal councillors will expire on the noon of 1st November 1955.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."

SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR :—" Is there any proposal to extend the term of the present members? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சென்ற ஆண்டிலே ஜில்லா போர்டுத் தேர்தல்கள் நடந்திருக்கின்றன. இந்த ஆண்டு இறுதிலேயும் நகர மன்ற ஆட்சித் தேர்தல்கள் நடைபெற இருக்கின்றன. அடுத்த ஆண்டிலேயும் பொதுத் தேர்தல் நடைபெறலாம். இப்படி ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டிலும், எத்தாவது தேர்தல்கள் நடந்துகொண்டிருப்பதால் மக்களிடையே ஒரு விதமான விருப்பு வெறுப்பும், குழப்பங்களும் ஏற்படுகின்றன. ஆகவே எல்லாத் தேர்தல்களையும் ஒரே ஆண்டிலேயே வைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஆலோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" ஒரே ஆண்டில் வைத்தால் ஒரே குழப்பமாக இருக்கும். ஆகையால் அவ்வப்போது வைத்துக்கொள்வதே நலமாக இருக்குமென்று நினைக்கிறேன். "

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know when elections are likely to be held to these municipalities? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :— " Between August and October 1955."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"இந்த செகண்டரி கிரேடு நகராட்சி மன்றங்களில் அண்மையில் எத்தனை நகராட்சி மன்றங்கள் மாறுதலடைந்து, முதல் கிரேடு நகராட்சி மன்றங்களாக ஆவதற்கு இருக்கின்றன என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" The hon. Member must put a separate question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Starting of Ceramic, Glass, Plastic and Vulcanite factories in the State

16 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start Ceramic, Glass, Plastic and Vulcanite factories in the State and if so, where?

A.—The Government have under consideration the question of setting up ceramic units at Neyveli. They have also a proposal to start a sheet glass factory in the State. But the details have not been worked out and no decision has been taken in regard to its location. The Government have no proposal to start plastic and vulcanite factories.

Marine and fresh water Aquarium in Madras

17 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to build a Marine and fresh water Aquarium in Madras, if so, where and at what cost; and

(*b*) whether the plans and estimates of the same are ready?

A.—(*a*) Proposals for opening a Marine Aquarium in Marina Beach are under investigation. The site for the Aquarium has not yet been finally decided and the cost of the buildings, etc., also has not yet been estimated.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Increase in the sales tax on shop made jewellery

18 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have revoked their decision to increase the sales tax on shop made jewellery from 9 pies to Re. 0–1–3;